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School Issue Brings Talk On Annexation of El Nido

Developer Asked To Extend Two Streets in Area

Extension of Carson St. westward as an 80-foot street and the continuation of Palos Verdes Blvd. northward from Sepulveda to Torrance Blvd. was assured by action of the City Planning Commission here Monday evening in a special meeting.

The hastily called meeting was attended by several city councilmen, a small group of homeowners in the Allied Gardens area, and representatives of two developers in this area.

A petition signed by about 900 persons was presented to the planners by Philip Baxter, president of the Allied Gardens homeowners, who said that residents of the area were protesting a proposed subdivision in the area bounded by Sepulveda, Hawthorne, Torrance Blvd., and the city's western limits because it called for the dead-ending of Palos Verdes Blvd. at Sepulveda.

Divided Roadway
Palos Verdes Blvd., shown on the County Regional Planning Commission's master plan as a major county highway, is a divided roadway through Allied Gardens.

After the planners had rejected a new map drawn up by engineers for the Kauffman Construction Co., proposed developers of the area, which called for a broad curve connecting Carson St. to Palos Verdes Blvd., the planners instructed the developer to draw up a new map. This will show Carson St. extended westerly as an 80-foot street and for Palos Verdes to be extended north to Torrance Blvd. as a continuation from Sepulveda Blvd.

Three Suffer Injuries in Car Smash-Up

A mother and her little daughter and the driver of another car all were injured when they collided during rush-hour traffic at Sepulveda and 228th St., Monday.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital suffering multiple lacerations and contusions were Mrs. Juanita Lederhos, 22, of 23337 Pennsylvania Ave., and her five-year old daughter, Antonia. Another young child in the car escaped injury.

Driving the second auto was Jimmie M. George, 21, a salaried stationer in Santa Monica. He was transported to the hospital after he complained of a banged knee.

Traffic officer Tom Pattishall said George was traveling west on Sepulveda and collided with Mrs. Lederhos' auto when she attempted to turn left in front of him.

Traffic was slowed to a crawl along the busy street for nearly an hour.

WEATHER

Low clouds in the morning, with hazy sunshine and little change in temperature is predicted today. High temperature was 69 degrees, with lows at 57.

Absentee Votes Must Be Cast On Bonds Today

Today is the last day to make application for absentee ballots for voting in the Oct. 19 bond election. Persons may make application in the City Clerk's Office in the City Hall, and vote at the same time, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett has announced.

Any absentee ballots sent through the mail must be returned by Oct. 25. Applications for ballots must be received by 5 p.m. today.

An Editorial

Next Tuesday is important in the lives of every Torrance resident, young and old. And every eligible voter has an opportunity and responsibility to go to the polls and vote on the special bond issue proposals.

If the bond issues carry, Torrance soon will have a new Civic Center and public swimming pool.

This newspaper has unreservedly endorsed these proposals because it believes this growing community has outgrown its present city hall and can well afford and needs the swimming facility.

Community leaders are striving for passage of the bond issues. You can make their efforts bring results by voting "YES" next Tuesday, Oct. 19!

Meeting Called By Proponents

Residents of the El Nido district, now county territory, will meet next Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the El Nido School, 186th St. and Hawthorne Ave., to discuss the possibility of annexing the area to Torrance.

The matter was considered several years ago, but residents decided against annexation.

Concerned in the move would be an area bounded by 182nd St. on the north, Hawthorne Ave. on the east, and the Santa Fe railroad tracks on the southwest.

Concerned because of what they termed "reluctance of the Torrance Unified School District to build permanent buildings to take care of the increasing number of children who apply for enrollment," a number of residents have requested the meeting.

Outside City Limits
The El Nido district is the only piece of non-Torrance property included in the Torrance Unified School District. Redondo Beach recently annexed a portion of El Nido lying west of the railroad tracks. This move has led to a discussion of who should have school jurisdiction in the area.

Some opposition to the proposal is expected, backers of annexation declared. Between 220 and 250 homes are in El Nido, Edward Risdon, past president of the Civic Association, estimated.

If El Nido residents decide to request annexation, they will have to hold an election officially declaring their desire, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett said.

Buildings Are Temporary
At the present time, an administration building and nine classrooms are housed in temporary bungalows on a ten-acre tract in the district. About 150 of the 512 children who attend El Nido School come from the

Plan to Convert Walteria Lake into Park Revealed

A plan to convert the Walteria Lake into a recreation park and furnish a settling basin for storm waters was unveiled this week at a meeting called in Walteria by the Walteria Businessmen's Assn.

A committee of the businessmen headed by J. A. Beasley, member of the city's Planning Commission, has made a thorough study of the situation and reported to visiting city and county officials during the meeting that Walteria residents favored a plan to keep the settling basin west of Hawthorne.

A city plan has been advanced which would put the basin in east of Hawthorne near 236th St. where it would serve only as a retention basin to hold water until it could be fed out into the ocean through the proposed airport drain and the Lomita Storm Drain, now under construction.

Injured Sailor Still 'Critical' Hospital Says
An 18-year-old sailor injured in a highway accident still is on the "critical" list, attaches at Harbor General Hospital said yesterday.

Guy D. Lezard, a passenger in a 1953 Jaguar sports car which rammed into a fire hydrant at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Vista del Parque late Sunday night, suffered severe head injuries and facial lacerations.

Thousands of gallons of water from the broken fireplug poured onto the highway, as reported in last Monday's Torrance HERALD.

Traffic along the busy thoroughfare was tied up for nearly an hour. Driver of the car was Reed A. Walker, 29, of Beverly Hills, who also was injured, though less seriously.

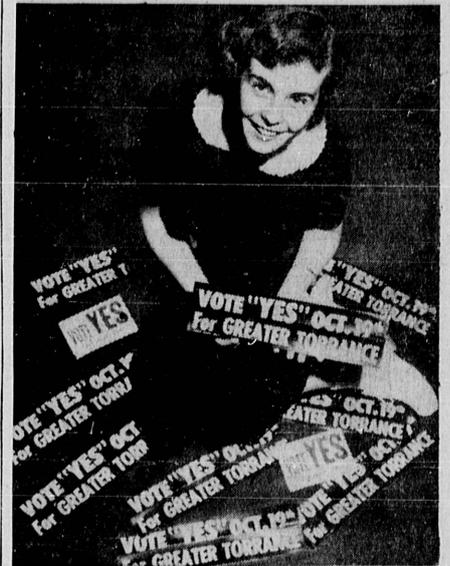
Ember Blamed For Starting \$1500 Blaze

An ember from a pressed wood log in a fireplace was blamed yesterday for starting a fire which severely scorched an apartment at 342 Paseo de la Playa, early Sunday morning.

Fire Marshal Bob Lucero reported that investigation showed a small particle from the log apparently fell onto carpeting in the room after the occupants had retired in an adjoining room.

Damage was estimated at \$1500 by Fire Department officials.

Two engine companies from the Torrance Fire Department kept the flames confined to a portion of one room. Occupant was listed as F. E. Brunner, apartment 5. Owner is J. G. Ericson.



CAMPAIGNER . . . Displaying one of the many placards and bumper stickers seen around town to urge a YES vote on Bond Propositions, Tuesday, is pert Nancy LaDuke. Two issues are on the ballot, one for a new city hall and police station, and another for a swimming pool.

Business, Industry, Clubs Back Project

By REID L. BUNDY
With voting less than a week away, Torrance civic and service organizations this week continued to add endorsements to the two bond proposals for a new civic center in the heart of the city.

Latest to join the list as endorsers was the Chamber of Commerce board of directors

who voted unanimously Monday to back Proposition No. 1 on next Tuesday's ballot, and the Torrance Board of Education who backed the proposals.

Previously endorsing the proposals for a new civic center, police station, and swimming pool were such groups as the CIO Steelworkers Union, Oilworkers Union, longshoremen, retail clerks, homeowners associations, the Torrance Industries Tax Committee, businessmen, industries, and women's organizations.

"I've never seen a bond issue here where so many people really got out and worked to put it across," City Manager George Stevens said yesterday.

Takes Every Vote
Stevens, Mayor Nickolas O. Drake, and others interested in approval of the issues next Tuesday warned, however, that it would take every vote that could be mustered to put the measures across.

"We must remember that it will take two YES votes to cancel out every NO vote on the ballot," Stevens warned.

In adding its endorsement to those of other progressive organizations, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce pointed out that industry would pay more than 70 per cent of the cost of the improvements and that "the homeowner's share will be negligible in comparison to the great need for this improvement."

Look to Future
The Board of Education resolution also referred to the fact that the City Council had "developed an adequate plan for the expansion of a City Hall with consideration for future needs." This is considered important by a large number of those who are looking toward future years.

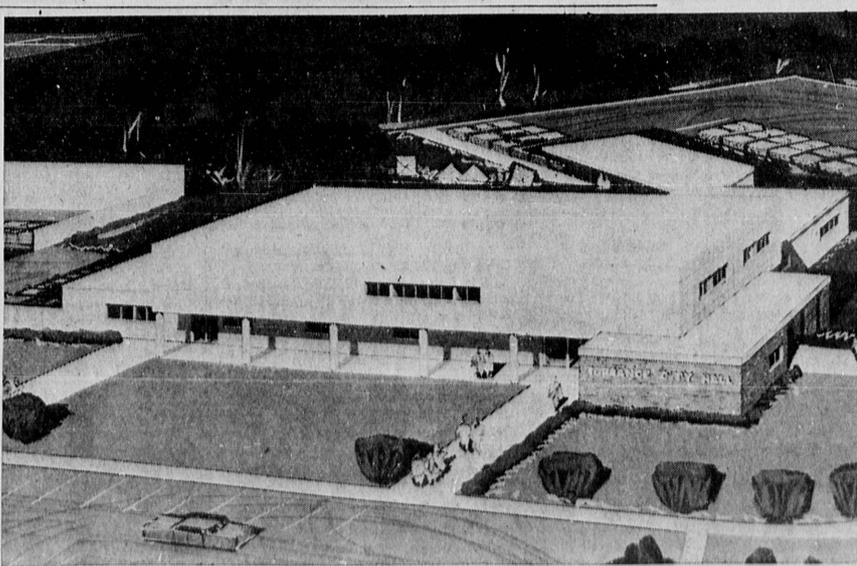
Torrance is destined to be a metropolis of more than 100,000 residents in just a few years—perhaps a half dozen more years. It will take administrative facilities to handle the volume of work which will result from such a population.

Special emphasis was placed on the fact that the bond issue in no way will affect the financing of Torrance Unified

Recreation Man Notes Pool Value
Torrance will never know how many lives a swimming pool might save, Harry Van Belleh, director of Recreation, told city employees Monday night at a special bond issue meeting.

A pool is valuable in teaching children the proper way to swim, as well as a valuable place for recreation, he said. Proper swimming training can save many lives, he declared.

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NEW NERVE CENTER . . . Proposed as the new general headquarters of a mushrooming city is this modern building, which will be constructed if voters approve the Civic Center bond issue on Tuesday's ballot. This building, which would house the City Clerk, City Manager, engineers, building officials, and other city offices would be located at the corner of Maple and Torrance.

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Workers who need more material may call Mrs. Tillim at FA 8-3368, she said.